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SUBJECT: SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

1. SENATOR JOHN GLENN REQUESTS CAPTAIN MAY AND CAPTAIN FRANCIS OF HOLT AND WHIPPLE PASS TO ALL HANDS FOLLOWING MESSAGE: (BEGIN QUOTE) TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE USS HOLT AND USS WHIPPLE. I AM WRITING TO EXTEND THE WARM APPRECIATION OF MYSELF AND THE PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION FOR YOUR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS FULFILLING OUR MISSION OF HELPING CELEBRATE THE SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE. YOUR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE, EXCELLENT MILITARY BEARING, AND EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOR ASHORE WERE IN THE BEST TRADITION OF THE U.S. NAVY AND DESERVE COMMENDATION.

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2. I KNOW YOU SHARED MY PRIDE WHEN OUR FLAG PASSED THE REVIEW-ING STAND AND GREAT CHEERS AROSE. THE MISSION OF NAVAL PRESENCE IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY IN THE PACIFIC AREA. THE COURTEOUS MANNER IN WHICH GUESTS WERE GREETED ABOARD BOTH SHIPS MADE A MOST POSITIVE IMPRESSION. YOUR PROFESSIONALISM HAS ENHANCED THE PRESTIGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. ALTHOUGH A U.S. NAVY SHIP LAST VISITED THE SOLOMON ISLANDS IN 1957, YOUR BRIEF PRESENCE HELPED TO REKINDLE FOND MEMORIES OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. THAT ASSOCIATION, EARNED BY SO MANY GALLANT MARINES AND SAILORS, IS NOT MERELY OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE. RATHER, OUR HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AND YOUR PRESENCE DURING THEIR INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY COMBINE TO FORM A VALUABLE TOOL OF DIPLOMACY.

4. MANY YEARS FROM NOW THE PEOPLE OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS WILL REMEMBER THE MEN AND SHIPS OF THE U.S. NAVY THAT HELPED THEM CELEBRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE. YOU HAVE SERVED OUR NATION WELL AND I SALUTE YOU WITH PRIDE. SINCERELY YOURS, JOHN GLENN
(END QUOTE).
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